

An Illustrated Catalogue of the Flaws and Varieties Found on the Booklet Stamps

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A Catalogue of the Flaws Found on the Booklet Stamps of the 1935 Silver Jubilee of King George V

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Looking for a list of the flaws found on these stamps, I was surprised to find that no one had yet thought to make one. I therefore decided that - as I was interested - then others would be also. Accordingly, I set about trying to find out exactly what was known. First off I approached several specialist GB dealers, and asked for their lists of varieties. I was met with blank looks and a wall of silence: such lists were unknown! I then had the idea of looking through the dealers' sale lists that I had accumulated over several years. This exercise provided me with enough ammunition to start the catalogue.

I next contacted some friends in the 1935 Silver Jubilee Study Circle for their views, and for any flaws they might wish to see incorporated. The lists didn't exactly come flooding in, but the suggestions for the form the list or catalogue should take, did.

After some discussion, it was agreed that a dedicated numbering system should be used to identify the flaws and varieties included in the list, and to separate the upright watermark stamps from those with the watermark inverted. The numbering system determined upon is illustrated here, as an example only:

2B1B

The first number - $\mathbf{2}$ - shows that the watermark is inverted. The first letter - \mathbf{B} - shows the face value of the stamps (in this case 1d). The second number - $\mathbf{1}$ - gives the position of the object stamp within the issued four stamp pane. The final letter - \mathbf{B} - is a check letter to ensure that the correct item is being referred to.



Had the watermark been upright, then the first number would have been **3**. The first letter could be **A** (for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamps); **B** (1d); **C** ($\frac{1}{2}$ d). The second number will range from **1** to **4**, and the final letter can be anywhere between **A-Z**. The decision to show the different watermark types by the numbers **2** or **3** was influenced by the standard catalogue descriptions of these stamps as "type 2" for the inverted watermark panes, and "type 3" for those with upright watermark. Stamps printed from sheets have only upright watermark, usually referred to as type **1**, and are therefore excluded.

Halfpenny Booklet Stamps

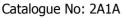
Watermark Inverted

Qty. Seen

Qty. Seen

1

1



White dot below (Postag)e



1



Two white dots behind (PENN)Y

Catalogue No: 2A2A

Extra jewel in left side of crown below and to left of fleur-de-lis



1

Catalogue No: 2A2B

Catalogue No: 2A1B

Scratch above left side of crown



Catalogue No: 2A2C

Small green dot in upright of (JUBIL)E(E)



2

Catalogue No: 2A3A

Break in green outer frame below H(ALFPENNY)



1

Catalogue No: 2A3C

Green dot between (J)UB(ILEE)



1

Catalogue No: 2A3D

Green dot attached to baseline below (HALFP)EN(NY)



Halfpenny Booklet Stamps

Watermark Inverted

Catalogue No: 2A3E

Weak lower frame line
below (HALF)P(ENNY)



2

Catalogue No: 2A3F

Short green line down from cross bar in (193)5



1

Catalogue No: 2A3G
White dot attached to top left rim of crown



1

Catalogue No: 2A4A

Piece missing from upright

of (HAL)F(PENNY)



Qty. Seen

1

Catalogue No: 2A4B Qty. Seen **Green hyphen between (1)91(0)**

(Same pane as 2A3E)



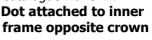
Halfpenny Booklet Stamps

Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3A1A Rear serif detached at base of (SILV)E(R) Qty. Seen

2

Catalogue No: 3A1B Dot attached to inner





1

Qty. Seen

Catalogue No: 3A1C White dot attached to base of (19)3(5)



1

(Same pane as 3A3B – Cyl 35)

Small white dot below (HALFPENN)Y



Catalogue No: 3A2A

4

Catalogue No: 3A2B

Green dot follows (Revenu)e



1

Catalogue No: 3A2C

White diagonal mark attached to right frame above (Revenu)e



1

Catalogue No: 3A3A

Green apostrophe below right serif inside (J)U(BILEE)



1

Catalogue No: 3A3B

Upper green line shows half-way break at top below (PE)NN(Y) (Same pane as 3A2A - Cyl 35)



4

Catalogue No: 3A3C

(?)Retouch in top of (SIL)V(ER)



1

Catalogue No: 3A3D Weakness in upper green

line below (PE)N(NY)



Watermark Upright

Halfpenny Booklet Stamps

Catalogue No: 3A4A

Green dot in top of diagonal of (PEN)N(Y) (Cylinder 33)

Qty. Seen



One Penny Booklet Stamps

Watermark Inverted

Catalogue No: 2B1A
Red dot attached low on
right side of (S)I(LVER)



1

Qty. Seen

Catalogue No: 2B4A

Red dot in margin above (JU)B(ILEE)



1

Catalogue No: 2B1B

Small break in upper frame
line below (P)E(NNY)



2

Qty. Seen

Catalogue No: 2B4B

Small red dot between (SIL)VE(R)



One Penny Booklet Stamps

Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3B1A "Tadpole" attached to inside of top left quadrant of O(NE)



Catalogue No: 3B1B Fuzzy red dot attached to rear of (JU)B(ILEE) Qty. Seen



3

JUB-IL

2

Catalogue No: 3B1C

Fuzzy mark (?Retouch) attached to outside curve of (193)5



1

Catalogue No: 3B2A

Red dot between (JU)BI(LEE) and small white dot at right hand end of double white lines at base



3

Catalogue No: 3B2B White dot in base

of V of (PENN)Y (Same pane as 3B4B)

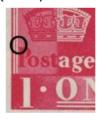


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Catalogue No: 3B2C

White dot at top of P(ostage)

(same pane as 3B4C)



1

Catalogue No: 3B3A

Red dot above (JUBIL)E(E)



3

Catalogue No: 3B3B
Red dot behind P(ENNY)



One Penny Booklet Stamps

Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3B3C Red dot in right margin level with top of (193)5 (Same pane as 3B4G+)



Qty. Seen

1

Catalogue No: 3B3D Red dot in lower margin below left leg of (O)N(E)



Catalogue No: 3B4A

Retouch below (S)I(LVER) (cyl 37 – Ncom 11c) **and**

bottom rim of crown extends to left. (Multipositive variety which

2

6

Qty. Seen

Catalogue No: 3B3E Red dot in left margin level with top of crown



2



Catalogue No: 3B4B

Red dot between (JUB)IL(EE)

(Same pane as 3B2B+)



1

Catalogue No: 3B4C Small red dot in centre of (J)U(BILEE)



1

Catalogue No: 3B4D

Extra jewel at left below fleur-de-lis on upper rim

of crown



Watermark Inverted

Catalogue No: 2C1A White "blob" on top bar of (PENC)E at junction with upright.



Qty. Seen

3

Catalogue No: 2C1B Broken top bar to (PENC)E resulting from retouch to 2C1A

Oty. Seen



Catalogue No: 2C1C

Brown dot between leaves 4 and 5 in front of King's nose

4

4



Catalogue No: 2C1D

Small brown disturbance attached to inside of frame over right hand value **tablet** (Same stamp as 2C1C above)



3



Catalogue No: 2C1E

Brown dot below (P)os(tage) and small brown dot in tail of figure 2 at right





Catalogue No: 2C1F

Brown dot in margin below upright of (TH)R(EE)



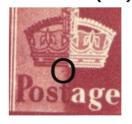
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Catalogue No: 2C1G Brown dot in margin below (PENC)E



Catalogue No: 2C1H

Brown dot on line between light and dark panels below crown above (Pos)t(age)



Watermark Inverted

Catalogue No: 2C1I Small brown dot in lower margin

below ends of three white lines



2

Qty. Seen

Catalogue No: 2C1K **Prominent brown scratch** over JU(BILEE)



2

Catalogue No: 2C1M

Small brown dot in bottom margin below right leg of (TH)R(EE)



2

Catalogue No: 2C10

Small brown dot below tip of third brown leaf from bottom behind King's head and small brown dot in top right of large 1 of left value tablet (Different pane to 2C1L and 2C1P)





2

Catalogue No: 2C1J Oty. Seen Small brown dot to right of (193)5 (Same pane as 2C3H)



2

Catalogue No: 2C1L

Brown dot top right of large figure 1 in left value tablet (Same pane as 2C2D)



6

Catalogue No: 2C1N

Small brown dot over third brown leaf from base behind King's head



2

Catalogue No: 2C1P

Small brown dot in top right of large 1 of left value tablet (Different pane to 2C1L and 2C1O)



Watermark Inverted

Catalogue No: 2C1Q Qty. Seen Small brown dot between top bar and outer curve of (193)5



1

Catalogue No: 2C1S

White mark over (Po)s(tage)



1

Catalogue No: 2C1U

Brown dot in centre of upright of T(HREE)



1

Catalogue No: 2C1W

Large brown dot in top left quadrant above King's forehead



5

Catalogue No: 2C1R Qty. Seen Small white dot below (Rev)e(nue) (Same pane as 2C2G)



1

Catalogue No: 2C1T

Small brown spur extends to left from upright of (SILVE)R



5

Catalogue No: 2C1V

Small brown dot in right margin directly opposite ends of top two frame lines



Watermark Inverted

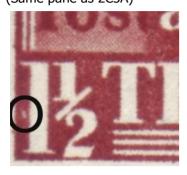
Qty Seen

2

6

Catalogue No: 2C2A

White dot in front of large 1 in left hand value tablet (Same pane as 2C3A)



Catalogue No: 2C2C

Brown dot in left margin by top of large 1 of left hand value tablet



Catalogue No: 2C2E

Brown dot in right margin by corner of event panel



Catalogue No: 2C2G

Brown dot in centre of

(S)I(LVER)



1

2

Qty Seen

9

Catalogue No: 2C2B

Diagonal brown projection above (HALF)P(ENNY) in lower right quadrant



Catalogue No: 2C2D

Small white pearl over left side of crown above fleur-de-lis



2

Catalogue No: 2C2F

Large brown dot in top left quadrant above King's forehead (Same pane as 2C1R)



1

Catalogue No: 2C2H

Brown dot inside loop of (193)5

(Same pane as 2C4D)



Watermark Inverted

Qty. Seen Qty. Seen

Catalogue No: 2C2I

Brown dot follows (TH)R(EE)



4

Catalogue No: 2C3A

Two small white dots follow (PENC)E

(Same pane as 2C2A)



3

Catalogue No: 2C3C

Retouch between (JUBI)LE(E)



3

Catalogue No: 2C3E
Weak tail to (Revenu)e



1

Catalogue No: 2C2J

Brown dot below (Reve)nu(e)



5

Catalogue No: 2C3B

Brown dot between (Reve)nu(e)



4

Catalogue No: 2C3D

Small white dot over (PENC)E



2

Catalogue No: 2C3F

Small bud on tip of 4th brown leaf from top in front of King's face



Watermark Inverted

Qty. Seen Qty. Seen

Catalogue No: 2C3G

Small brown dot over (19)3(5)

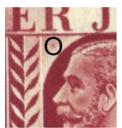


2

Catalogue No: 2C3I

Small brown dot in top left quadrant above King's forehead





Catalogue No: 2C3K

Small brown dot in lower margin below upright of

(TH)R(EE)





Catalogue No: 2C3H

Brown dot below stem of 4th brown leaf from base in front of King's chin



2

Catalogue No: 2C3J

Small brown dot below (Reve)n(ue)

1



Catalogue No: 2C3L
Large brown dot top
margin above (JU)B(ILEE)



Watermark Inverted

Catalogue No: 2C4A Qty. Seen White dot over (P)o(stage)



6

Catalogue No: 2C4C

Brown mark top left of (PEN)C(E) and brown dot in centre serif of (PENC)E



4

Catalogue No: 2C4E

Brown line extends from right frame into margin above (Revenue)



2

Catalogue No: 2C4G

Small brown dot below second brown leaf in front of King's face



2

Catalogue No: 2C4B Qty. Seen White dot over (P)o(stage) retouched



1

Catalogue No: 2C4D

Double brown dot to right of (193)5

(Same pane as 2C2H)



7

Catalogue No: 2C4F

Large brown dot at top left of (JUB)I(LEE)

(Same pane as 2C3H)



7

Catalogue No: 2C4H

Brown diagonal "dart" attached to inside base of left arm of (SIL)V(ER)



Watermark Inverted

Catalogue No: 2C4I Qty. Seen Large brown dot in lower margin below large figure 1 at left



2

Catalogue No: 2C4K

Small brown dot inside curve of (J)U(BILEE) at right



2

Catalogue No: 2C4M Small white dot below R(evenue)



2

Catalogue No: 2C4J
Disturbance (?retouch)
below (Reven)ue

Qty. Seen

Revenue PD NCE 11

2

Catalogue No: 2C4L

Small brown dot inside
top left of (JUBI)L(EE)



Watermark Inverted

No mint/unused copies of these varieties had been found at the date of compilation

Catalogue No: 2C4W
White diagonal mark
between (JUBIL)EE

Qty. Seen



1

Catalogue No: 2C4Y

Large brown dot to left of right foot of (PE)N(CE)



1

Catalogue No: 2C4X Qty. Seen
Small white dot follows (JUBILE)E and
screening dot missing from J(UBILEE)
(Not NCom 12c)



1

Catalogue No: 2C4Z

Small brown dot in tail of figure 2 at right (Not 2C1E)



Catalogue No: 3C1A Qty. Seen

White spot on lower serif of (JUBIL)E(E)



6

Catalogue No: 3C1C

Brown mark between
(SILVE)R J(UBILEE)



2

Catalogue No: 3C1E

Right slanting diagonal line from foot of (PE)N(CE)



4

Catalogue No: 3C1G
Small white diagonal line
between (JUBI)LE(E)



1

Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3C1B Qty. Seen **Large white dot after (JUBILE)E** (SG Spec NCom 12c)



5

Catalogue No: 3C1D

Small white dot at top of

Upper part of (PE)N(CE)

(Cylinder 66)



5

Catalogue No: 3C1F

Short diagonal line in top of

Left arm of (SIL)V(ER)

(Cylinder 30)



4

Catalogue No: 3C1H

" Bite" out of lower edge of 2nd brown leaf from top in front of King's face



Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3C1I Qty. Seen Large brown dot in top margin above upright of (SILV)E(R)



2

Catalogue No: 3C1K

Short brown line rising left to right below P(ostage)



2

Catalogue No: 3C1M

Brown dot in lower margin below (H)AL(F)



3

Catalogue No: 3C10

Small diagonal brown line in lower margin below upright of (TH)R(EE)



2

Catalogue No: 3C1J Qty. Seen **White dot below right of (193)5**



4

Catalogue No: 3C1L

Vertical line from lower serif of (PENC)E to base of stamp



1

Catalogue No: 3C1N
White mark below left
serif of T(HREE)
(Cylinder 58)



2

Catalogue No: 3C1P

Short horizontal brown line
across inside base of (J)U(BILEE)



Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3C2A **Prominent brown dot joins base of letters HA(LF)**



7



Catalogue No: 3C2B Qty. Seen Large brown dot on 6th perforation tooth from top opposite (193)5 (Cylinder 66)



6

Catalogue No: 3C2C

Light area (?Retouch) over lower serif of (JUBI)L(EE)



2

Catalogue No: 3C2E
Two brown dots
between (J)UB(ILEE)



1

Catalogue No: 3C2G

Small brown dot outside bottom left corner



1

Catalogue No: 3C2D

Horizontal brown line in top of S(ILVER) extends across gutter from right side of stamp one



4

Catalogue No: 3C2F

Break in base line below
(HAL)F(PENNY)



1

Catalogue No: 3C2H
Retouch (similar to 1d
cylinder 37) below (JUBIL)E(E)



Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3C2I Qty. Seen **Brown dot below (Po)st(age)**



3

Catalogue No: 3C2K

Brown dot below tip of 3rd brown leaf from base in front of King's face



4

Catalogue No: 3C2M Break in top line over (SILV)E(R)



1

Catalogue No: 3C2O

Large brown dot attached to right side of top of leaf stem in front of King's face



4

Catalogue No: 3C2J Qty. Seen **White spur rear of (PEN)C(E)**



7

Catalogue No: 3C2L

Brown dot in top margin

over (JUBIL)E(E)



2

Catalogue No: 3C2N

Brown dot at end of 4th brown leaf from top in front of King's face



4

Catalogue No: 3C2P
Two small white dots
beneath (S)I(LVER)



Watermark Upright

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Catalogue No: 3C2Q Qty. Seen White mark over (R)e(venue)



4



Minute brown dot in lower right corner of small figure 1 of right hand value tablet (Same pane as 3C4I)



5

Catalogue No: 3C2R Qty. Seen Small brown "star" between (SILVE)R J(UBILEE)



Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3C3A Coloured mark over (HA)L(F) and coloured mark in left

Oty. Seen

margin opposite crown

2





Catalogue No: 3C3C

Coloured mark in top of left arm of (SIL)V(ER)



4

Catalogue No: 3C3E

Vertical brown line in lower margin below (TH)R(EE)



1

Catalogue No: 3C3G

Brown dot below left side of crown under fleur-de-lis



1

Catalogue No: 3C3B

Qty. Seen

Break in inner brown line over (SILVE)R

2



Catalogue No: 3C3D

Tiny brown spur in left margin by S(ILVER) and small brown mark below H(ALF)

(Cylinder 59)





Catalogue No: 3C3F Brown dot in top margin

over (S)I(LVER)



1

Catalogue No: 3C3H

Small brown dot above 4th brown leaf from base in front of King's moustache



Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3C3I Qty. Seen Brown dot in lower margin below (THR)E H(ALF)



6

Catalogue No: 3C3K

Large brown dot adjacent to base of diagonal of (PE)N(CE)

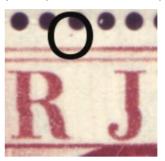


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Catalogue No: 3C3J Qty. Seen **Brown dot in margin above**

Brown dot in margin above (SILVE)R J(UBILEE)

(Same pane as 3C1N on Cylinder 58)



2

Catalogue No: 3C3L

Left supporting column of crown is broken



Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3C4A **Retouch in wreath**

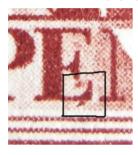
Qty. Seen



6

Catalogue No: 3C4C

Barb extends from base of lower serif of (P)E(NCE)



3

Catalogue No: 3C4E Two brown marks below P(ostage)



1

Catalogue No: 3C4G

Brown dot between second and third brown leaves in front of King's face



2

Catalogue No: 3C4B Qty. Seen "Comet" between (SILV)ER



4

Catalogue No: 3C4D

Vertical brown line extends down from (SILVE)R to portrait oval



1

Catalogue No: 3C4F
Small brown dot in lower
margin below H(ALF)



1

Catalogue No: 3C4H
Brown dot on inner
frame over JU(BILEE)



Watermark Upright

Catalogue No: 3C4I

Brown dot below right of wreath



Catalogue No: 3C4J
Brown dot attached
to base of upright of
(HA)L(F)

Qty. Seen



4

HALIFI

4

Catalogue No: 3C4K

Small break in lower frame line below (P)EN(CE)

5

